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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL PRISONERS IN MEXICO: STARK MATERIAL
(RAY M. MINTON)

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1. ON APRIL 8, 1975 CONGEN WAS CONTACTED BY FEDERAL PROSECUTOR MONTOYA IN MONTERREY WHO INFORMED US THAT MINTON HAD BEEN DETAINED PREVIOUS DAY AT CIUDAD VICTORIA AND HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER ARREST FOR NARCOTICS VIOLATION. CONOFF REQUESTED IMMEDIATE ACCESS. THAT SAME MORNING CONOFF, ACCOMPANIED BY FSL ASSISTANT, DISCUSSED CASE FIRST WITH MONTOYA AND THEN WITH MINTON.

2. MONTOYA TOLD CONOFF THAT SUBJECT HAD BLISTERS ON HIS RIGHT HAND FROM A FIRE IN HIS TRUCK PREVIOUS TO HIS DETENTION AT CIUDAD VICTORIA. WHEN CONOFF SAW MINTON, HE ASKED HOW HE HAD BEEN TREATED TO DATE. MINTON REPLIED THAT HE HAD BEEN WELL TREATED AND HAD NO REPEAT NO COMPLAINTS. CONOFF ASKED TO SEE BLISTERS. MINTON SHOWED CONOFF RIGHT HAND AND STATED THAT TRUCK HAD HAD SHORT CIRCUIT DAY OR TWO BEFORE HIS DETENTION AND ARREST, AND THAT HE BURNED HIS HAND, CAUSING BLISTERS, WHEN HE PUT OUT FIRE RESULTING FROM SHORT CIRCUIT.

3. ON APRIL 22 ANOTHER CONOFF MADE ROUTINE VISIT TO MONTERREY PENITENTIARY, WHERE MINTON INCARCERATED. CONOFF NOTICED BLISTERS AND MINTON RELATED SAME STORY TO THAT CONOFF. MINTON HAS NEVER
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CLAIMED TO CONOFFS AT THIS CONGEN THAT BLISTERS ON HAND CAUSED BY

ANYTHING OTHER THAN BURNS RESULTING FROM FIRE IN HIS TRUCK.
HAND SINCE HEALED AND ONLY BURNS OR BLISTERS ON HANDS WE KNOW OF
ARE FROM LAST APRIL.

4. WE HAVE NO RECORDS SHOWING MINTON TO EVER HAD A DISLOCATED
SHOULDER. ON APRIL 22 VISIT HE COMPLAINED FOR FIRST TIME OF A
DISLOCATED ELBOW AND REQUESTED X-RAYS. CONOFF TOOK MATTER UP
WITH PRISON DIRECTOR WHO SAID HE COULD ONLY ORDER X-RAY ON
DOCTOR'S RECOMMENDATION. DOCTOR DID NOT ORDER IT. CONOFF AGAIN
VISITED MINTON ON MAY 22 AT WHICH TIME HE STATED THAT HE WAS
EXPERIENCING SOME BACK DISCOMFORT, BUT THAT HE HAD APPLIED
FOR TRANSFER TO NUEVO LAREDO AND WISHED TO WAIT UNTIL HE REACHED
THERE BEFORE RECEIVING TREATMENT. IN EACH SUCCEEDING VISIT HE HAS
STATED THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TREATMENT IN MONTERREY.
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